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Prescribed Fire Program Open House

JOHN DAY, OR – An informational open house is scheduled to discuss the prescribed fire program on the Malheur National Forest.

Fire Management staff encourage anyone with interest to join in the event the evening of Wednesday, May 13, 2015 from 5-8:00 pm at the Supervisor's Office in John Day, OR located at 431 Patterson Bridge Road.

As part of the Malheur National Forest's hazardous fuels reduction program, districts across the forest will be conducting spring landscape prescribed burning in various areas.

This meeting is an opportunity to answer questions and provide the public with information on all aspects of the forest's prescribed fire program, including where burning is planned for, how the burns are conducted, and why prescribed fire is used. Prescribed fires are an integral part of land management across the Malheur National Forest.

Each of these burns represents many hours of planning and preparation. Specific weather and vegetative conditions must be in place in order to conduct these burns. Prescribed burns are designed to both reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfires, as well as to restore overall health of the National Forest System lands.

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